Grand Teton

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Moose, WY 83012

Scenic Drives

Granite spires, icy blue lakes, evergreen forests, wide open meadows, abundant wildlife: the diversity of Grand Teton National Park could take a lifetime to know. Most visitors have far less time, but a brief visit can still include some highlights. Visitors driving through the Park may find the following suggestions useful. Obtain a Park map, available at visitor centers and entrance stations. Roads form a 60-mile loop drive. If time permits, drive it all. The Teton Park Road offers a close view of the mountains. Take this route if your time is limited. Scenic turnouts are located throughout the Park. Take advantage of these opportunities to view the Park and stretch your legs. Starting at the Moose Visitor Center, follow the suggested stops northward along the Teton Park Road.

Visitors driving from the north (Yellowstone) will need to reverse the order of the stops given.

TETON PARK ROAD

MOOSE VISITOR CENTER Ranger naturalists will answer your questions about the park and help with your visit. Oil paintings by local artists and exhibits on Park wildlife are on display. The Chapel of the Transfiguration, with its altar window framing the Grand Teton, is world famous. The Chapel and the 1/2 mile Menor's Ferry Historical Trail recount homesteading and pioneer life in Jackson Hole.

JENNY LAKE SCENIC LOOP The one-way road leads to one of the most popular destinations in the park. Turn at North Jenny Lake Junction and continue south. Stop at the Cathedral Group Turnout for a spectacular view. At 13,770 feet the Grand Teton (highest in the Teton Range) forms the apex of the Cathedral Group: Mt. Teewinot, Mt. Owen, and the Grand Teton. The road continues past glacier-carved Jenny Lake, a focal point for hiking. Rejoin the Teton Park Road at South Jenny Lake Junction.

SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ROAD Starting just south of Signal Mountain Lodge, this drive climbs 800 feet in five miles. On the way up, Mt. Moran, the most massive mountain in the Teton Range, dominates the view. From the summit the entire 40-mile range and Jackson Hole spread before you.

WILLOW FLATS TURNOUT Just north of Jackson Lake Junction, Willow Flats affords views of the northern section of the Teton Range. Extensive wet meadows and willow thickets form excellent wildlife habitat. Scan the scene with binoculars to look for moose feeding. Birdwatchers will find this area productive in the mornings.

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COLTER BAY VISITOR CENTER

This center for ranger-led activities has ranger naturalists on duty at the information desk. Films on Park wildlife and Native American culture are shown throughout the day in the auditorium. The Colter Bay Visitor Center also houses an impressive collection of Indian art and artifacts.

OXBOW BEND

Just east of Jackson Lake Junction, the Oxbow Bend of the Snake River is famous for a variety of wildlife as well as early morning reflections of Mt. Moran in the tranquil waters. Park in the turnout and use your binoculars to search for bald eagles, osprey, great blue herons, moose, beaver, and otter.

CUNNINGHAM CABIN

Pierce Cunningham settled here in 1890. His homestead cabin still stands at this site. The 3/4-mile, self-guiding trail provides a glimpse of life during the early days in Jackson Hole.

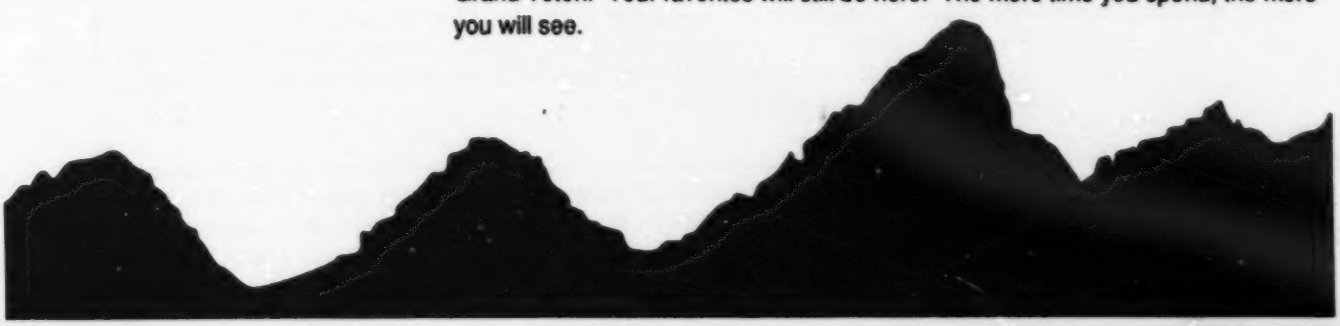
SNAKE RIVER OVERLOOK

A sweeping bend of the Snake River lies below you. The craggy summits of the Teton Range fill the far horizon. Snake River Overlook is one of the most popular photographic spots in the Park. A wayside exhibit identifies the peaks and summits before you.

ANTELOPE FLATS AND THE GROS VENTRE SLIDE

The Antelope Flats Road wanders through ranches and hayfields on its way to the eastern boundary of the Park. Follow it east for four miles, then turn south toward the town of Kelly. Before reaching Kelly, the road will join the Teton National Forest access road. Follow this winding paved road along the Gros Ventre River until you come to the Gros Ventre Slide and Lower Slide Lake. Return to the Antelope Flats Road and follow it south to Kelly then southwest along the Gros Ventre River to the junction with U.S. routes 26 - 89 - 191.

These suggestions represent only some of the highlights in the Park. Have you discovered others? Return soon and spend more time exploring the diversity of Grand Teton. Your favorites will still be here. The more time you spend, the more you will see.



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